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TITLE: MEANS FOR CONNECTING PIPES COMPRISING AN AXIAL PRESS SURFACE TO TAKE AXIAL PRESSURE FROM A PRELOADING TOOL

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language and reference numerals, and to correct minor grammatical informalities. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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